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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 1-49 and add the following new claims 50-79:

50. An information processing device for carrying out give and receive of information to and from electronic equipment through a network comprising: